

- (a) logic that determines a classification of a user accessing a graphical user interface to a government system utilizing a network;
- (b) logic that limits content available for display to the user based on the classification;
- (c) logic that selects regional content for display on the graphical user interface based on the classification of the user; and
- (d) logic that allows the user to customize a portion of the content available for display, wherein the content includes links to other web sites within the context of the government system.

35. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 34, wherein the content includes links to at least one of services and information.

36. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 34, wherein the portion of the information about the user is demographic data.

37. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 34, further comprising logic that tracks processing of billing for transactions and logic that displays a summary of the processing of the billing.

38. (Unchanged) A system as recited in claim 34, further comprising logic that communicates with existing business software on a system of the user and logic that allows the user to access both the graphical user interface and the existing business software on the system of the user.

REMARKS

Claims 20-39 are pending in the application. Claims 20-39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 20, 27, and 34 have herein been amended and are fully supported by the specification. Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the claim language. No new matter has been added to the prosecution of this application. For at least the reasons stated below, Applicant asserts that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

1. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 20-39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Dedrick (U.S. Patent No. 5,696,965). Applicant respectfully opposes these rejections. Applicant asserts that not every element of every claim, as amended, is taught by the reference. MPEP § 2131 provides:

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co., 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). The elements must be arranged as required by the claim..."

The present invention generally provides for a system, computer program, and method for customizing a graphical user interface to a government system, including the following elements:

- a determining mechanism that determines a classification of a user;
- a limiting mechanism that limits content available for display based on the classification;
- a selecting mechanism that selects regional content for display based on the classification; and
- an allowing mechanism that allows the user to customize a portion of the content available for display.

Because not every element of every claim (as amended) is taught by the reference, the Examiner's § 102 rejections are unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn.

Independent claims 20, 27, and 34 have been amended to recite that "the content includes links to other web sites within the context of the government system." Dedrick does not appear to disclose such a system. Dedrick does not appear to disclose a graphical user interface that is used to access a government system. Nowhere does Dedrick teach or suggest using an electronic information appraisal agent for accessing a government system.

Because Dedrick does not teach or suggest accessing a government system, Dedrick also does not teach or suggest including links to other web sites within the context of the government system as claimed. Without first disclosing a government system, Dedrick cannot disclose links to other web sites within the context of the government system. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 20, 27, and 34 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Claims 21-24, 26, 28-31, 33, and 35-38 depend from at least one of independent claims 20, 27, and 34 and are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20-24, 26-31, and 33-38 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons and notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

2. Conclusion

Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (310) 788-5102. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees including fees for any extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Reference 60021-305107).

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 20, 27, and 34 as follows:

20. (Twice Amended) A method for customizing a graphical user interface to a government system, comprising the steps of:

- (a) determining a classification of a user accessing a graphical user interface to a government system utilizing a network;
- (b) limiting content available for display to the user based on the classification;
- (c) selecting regional content for display on the graphical user interface based on the classification of the user; and
- (d) allowing the user to customize a portion of the content available for display, wherein the content includes links to other web sites within the context of the government system.

27. (Twice Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for customizing a graphical user interface to a government system, comprising:

- (a) a code segment that determines a classification of a user accessing a graphical user interface to a government utilizing a network;
- (b) a code segment that limits content available for display to the user based on the classification;
- (c) a code segment that selects regional content for display on the graphical user interface based on the classification of the user; and

(d) a code segment that allows the user to customize a portion of the content available for display, wherein the content includes links to other web sites within the context of the government system.

34. (Twice Amended) A system for customizing a graphical user interface to a government system, comprising:

- (a) logic that determines a classification of a user accessing a graphical user interface to a government system utilizing a network;
- (b) logic that limits content available for display to the user based on the classification;
- (c) logic that selects regional content for display on the graphical user interface based on the classification of the user; and
- (d) logic that allows the user to customize a portion of the content available for display, wherein the content includes links to other web sites within the context of the government system.